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Blood drive

A blood drive is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Community Center. Call Tech. Sgt. Liz Santamaria at 8-9048 to make an appointment.

Annual awards

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Annual Awards Banquet is Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Contact your first sergeant for tickets.

WAPS exams

The Air Force has implemented new promotion test destruction procedures. Two test examinees will be selected each testing session to verify the seal on test booklets at the beginning of the session and the destruction of the booklets at the completion of the session. Examinees selected must be present for the entire testing session and a few minutes following the session. The responsibility is mandatory for those selected and can not be declined. Call Master Sgt. Fredrick Jones at 8-4127 for more information.

18 airmen were saved from a DUI charge by the Airmen **Against Drunk Driving** Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at 850-2233 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.

Days since last D-M DUI:



(Current as of Thursday)

Around D-M | Base fire department trains T'ohono O'odham counterparts

By Staff Sgt. J. Elaine Phillinganes **Public Affairs**

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's firefighters provided a helping hand to their T'ohono O'odham Nation counterparts through a training program that will prepare them in the event of an aircraft accident on or near Nation lands. The training occurred Jan. 30, 31 and Feb.1.

"It (the training) allowed our (base) personnel to interact with other 'first responders' and share some knowledge and insight on responding to downed aircraft," said Randy Schryer, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Nation representatives received hands-on training at the Tucson International Airport from 162nd Fighter Wing (Air National Guard_ members and at the base fire station by the 355th Civil Engineering Squadron. They were trained on a variety of items ranging from aircraft egress to hazardous materials. Their training was specific to the A-10 and the F-16, two aircraft that



Peter Delillio, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron fire fighter, shows the T'ohono O'odham Nation emergency response personnel egress procedures on an A-10 aircraft.

frequent local airspace. The Nation interaction during the classroom sent people from their fire, police, hazardous material and environmental departments.

The base firemen were pleased with the training. There was "good

instruction and hands-on demonstration, which prompted several questions and interesting dialog between D-M's firefighters and the See Firefighters, Page 5

PMEL earns AF certification, 'excellent findings'

By Karen Halstead Staff writer

The 355th Component Repair Squadron's Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory successfully completed a certification audit conducted by the Air Force Metrology and Calibration Assessment and Certification Program Jan. 23.

'We had excellent results and the inspection proves our capability to provide measurements that are accurate, uniform, reliable and traceable through the Air Force Primary Standards Laboratory to the National Institute of Standards Technology," said Senior Master Sgt. David Riedlinger, 355th Component Repair Squadron, PMEL flight chief.

Being certified means customers can count on us to provide them with the test, measurement and diagnostic equipment they need to ensure accuracy, reliability and maintainability of their mission systems,"

he said. "It really doesn't matter if it's an aircraft system or the scales used in an orderly room, all must be certified as accurate."

The audit used for the certification process inspects five areas: Measurement Capability Assessment, Total Quality Program, the facility, environment and production control. Although the five areas are inspected, only the first four areas are considered in the pass/fail section to gain certification.

Under the MCA section, the two-man evaluation team selected 20 pieces of equipment from two categories to inspect. Ten pieces came from customer items already repaired and certified as mission ready; the second set came from a group of equipment the lab uses to calibrate customer equipment.

The inspectors, both certified PMEL technicians, "Picked the 20 pieces apart," said Master Sgt. Bruce Devine, PMEL element chief. "Then the technician

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Commander's Corner

Commander's Salute

This week, I salute **Dan Stutsman, GS-12,** 305th Rescue Squadron (Air Force Reserve Command), for orchestrating a 12-month, self-help project installing new offices in Building 5426. Well done!

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: <u>355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil</u>.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to

contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

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Col. Bobby Wilkes 355th Wing Commander

Shots not available at primary care panel

Comment:

I am calling regarding the Desert Airman article in the Jan. 5 issue, concerning the allergy immunizations program. I thought you should know that the Copper Panel cannot offer immunizations right now because they do not have anyone in the clinic to handle that. I am currently awaiting an appointment for my 5-month-old child to get her shot. I called today to have my child immunized and I was told that because it was not a well-baby checkup, I could only come 7:30-10:30 a.m. in the morning. Again, the Copper Panel is not providing immunization and I think something should be put in the paper to let people know that.

Response:

We are sorry for the inconvenience. Due to personnel departures, our clinic is experiencing an unexpected delay in implementing the new process. Adult immunizations are now available in your assigned panels by appointment or walk-in. If you choose to make an appointment, you do not have to report early or wait for a health care provider. In many cases, medical records will be pulled and waiting in your panel. We have trained staff members who are dedicated to giving immunizations during those hours to speed up the process and

reduce waiting times. Pediatric immunizations for children up to 18 years old are available in the central immunization clinic. On March 1, pediatric immunizations will be available in all panels. For further information, call 8-2898.

Fitness center not clean Comment:

I am a winter visitor. I have been at the base fitness center four days this week. The men's bathrooms are absolutely filthy and smell of urine. Yesterday, when I took a shower, there were loads of gunk in the showers.

Response:

On behalf of entire Fitness Cen-

ter Staff, we apologize for the condition of the men's bathroom and shower areas during your visits.

Recently, we had a change in several staff members which resulted in this critical area being neglected. The staff is now trained and aware of the importance to keep these areas clean. We will ensure this and all other areas are sanitary at all times. Additionally, we are now using a stronger disinfectant solution to clean these areas.

We value your patronage, suggestions and feedback and look forward to serving you in the near future. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Robert Gibson or Master Sgt. Mark Lutchman at 8-4556.

Your Final Answer?

What was your best or worst Valentine's Day experience?



Staff Sgt.
Michael Amos
355th Medical Support
Squadron

"In 1997, soon after I met my wife, I spent the most romantic evening with her, dinner and dancing. I'll remember that evening forever."



Airman
Nicole Brown
355th Mission Support
Squadron

"My best is when my boyfriend made me dinner, danced with me, baked me a cake, rented a movie and gave me a necklace."



Staff Sgt.
James Blevins
355th Supply Squadron

"I got dumped one time because I didn't get her what she wanted."



Staff Sgt.
John Arquette
355th Civil Engineer
Squadron

"My worst is when I forgot and got in trouble with my girlfriend."



Airman
Elizabeth Johnston
42nd Airborne Command
and Control Squadron

"One year I wasn't home when my boyfriend brought me roses."



Senior Airman Missy Romey 355th Component Repair Squadron

"This year will be my best because I'll be with my boyfriend."



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

DACOWITS visit

Senior Airman Molly Toole, 355th Operations Support Squadron (left), provides Dr. Karen Gold (right) an overview of air traffic control tower operations during Gold's visit to the base Feb. 2. Dr. Gold is a member of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. DACOWITS assists and advises the Secretary of Defense on policies and matters relating to women in the military services, as well as making recommendations on quality of life matters that affect all military members.

New D-M shopping center on the horizon

By Dewey Brown

Army and Air Force Exchange Services general manager

The \$18.8 million Davis-Monthan Shopping Center project was recently approved by the Army and Air Force Exchange Services board of directors, with the groundbreaking set for next year.

The new shopping center will be an enclosed mall, about 165,000 square feet, including the main base exchange, military clothing sales, concession operations, barber shop, beauty salon and a food court.

The main BX store will take 90,000 square feet, making the new sales floor more than three times larger than present retail store sales floor. Anthony's Pizza, Robin Hood, Baskin-Robbins, Popeye's chicken and other name

brand fast food service will be included in the new food court, which will be more than 11,000 square feet and able to seat 328 customers

Construction should start in February 2002 and will take 18 months to complete.

The new shopping center will be sited basically where the current BX parking lot is with the mall entrance located at the back of the current Class Six Store. Parking for the new shopping center will be laid over the running track area behind the current Class Six store.

The project is now going into the design process and once the design is complete, an artist's rendering will be displayed at the main BX.

For more information or questions about the project, call Dewey Brown at 8-3904.

VITA office offers free tax prep, filing for Team D-M

By Karen Halstead Staff writer

With tax day approaching, dozens of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members are taking advantage of D-M's free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance office. The VITA office is open through April 16 to help D-M members file their 2000 income taxes

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday, including holidays. Appointment books open a week at a time. "If you want to come in next week, you should call or come by this week to make the appointment," said (retired) Lt. Col. Armen Dermen, D-M's VITA coordinator. "We make appointments one week in advance." Appointments can be made by calling 8-3489 or visiting the VITA office in Building 4310, Room 109.

"Just please be on time for the appointment," Dermen said. "We also request parents not bring their children as our space is very limited."

Anyone authorized to use base facilities including widows and widowers, retirees and civil service employees, are entitled to use D-M's VITA services.

"A single person filing the 1040 EZ can expect to spend about 30 minutes with a VITA counselor," Dermen said. "A more complicated 1040 form can take 60 to 90 minutes. The savings range between \$40 and \$80 compared to off-base tax services."

The office can file either by paper or e-mail, according to Dermen.

Several improvements were implemented this year to ease the volunteers' workload, Dermen said. Some of the volunteers are professional tax preparers and volunteer their time at D-M. "We lean over backwards to help people," he said.

Taxpayers should bring the following items when visiting the VITA office: federal and applicable state tax forms received in the mail, including labels; Forms W-2, 1099 MISC and other 1099R statements of reportable income; appropriate expense information for mortgage interest, medical, real estates tax and charitable contributions, and 1099 DIV, 1099 INT, records of child care expenses, rental property information, and stock and bond information.

Also, applicable powers of attorney, a copy of the 1999 federal income tax return if needed, social security card or record of social security numbers, names of tax payers, to include spouse and all dependents and their years of birth.

The VITA office has a limited supply of forms and instructions, according to Dermen. "We have an adequate supply of Arizona forms, but we don't have a good selection from other states." People who require forms for states other than Arizona should contact their home state to get the forms and instructions. "We are able to file electronically in the 45 states which have tax," he said.

Signatures of both parties filing an electronic joint return are required prior to transmitting the return, otherwise if filing by paper only one person needs to be present as the forms may be taken home for signatures.

"There aren't very many people who we can't help, just a few who have very large incomes and extremely complex tax related issues. These are the exceptions," Dermen said.

In January, the Internal Revenue Service conducted a training class for D-M's VITA volunteers. The volunteers were required to pass an openbook test to qualify as a VITA tax preparer, according to Dermen. The program has more than 30 volunteers for the current tax season.



Karen Halstead

Staff Sgt. Chuck Riopel, 162nd Fighter Wing (AZ ANG), gets his income taxes completed electronically by retired Lt. Col. Tom Rankin.

Last year more than 6,000 state and federal returns were prepared through D-M's VITA program

The VITA office works in cooperation with the 355th Wing's Judge Advocate office, which has sponsored the program for more than 14 years here

Additional free income tax information can be located at www.irs.gov or call 1-800-829-3676 (1-800-Tax-Form) for free tax forms, 1-800-233-6767 for CD-ROM orders, 1-800-829-4477 for recorded tax messages, 1-800-829-4059 for hearing-impaired tax assistance, 1-800-829-1040 for tax assistance or 1-877-777-4778 for unresolved tax problems.



Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson

Lending a helping hand

Tech. Sgt. Rob Safley, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, and his son Avery stack wooden planks while volunteering time with the Can-Do Crew Saturday. The crew meets once a month to perform volunteer work for elderly or handicapped people in the Tucson area. People can call Can-Do Crew project coordinators Master Sgt. Tim McCormack at 8-9008 or Tech. Sgt. Roberto Valencia at 8-5960 for more information or to volunteer.

AETC seeks volunteers for Air Force Experience

Volunteers are sought to help with Air Education and Training Command's recruiting program, the "Air Force Experience."

Air Force Experience is a hightech, interactive attraction designed to showcase career opportunities and help reconnect the Air Force with the American public.

This one-of-a-kind road show tours the country complete with an F-16 fighter jet, video presentations, computer kiosks and a customized flight simulator. The Air Force Experience offers a fresh approach to educating the American public about the mission of the Air Force and assisting USAF recruiting efforts in today's competitive market. This educational experience is designed to generate interests in young adults between the ages of 17 and 25

AETC needs at least two volunteers per show site with at least one aviator to talk with potential recruits. Other support career fields such as security forces, crew chiefs, air traffic controllers, firefighters, public affairs, etc., may also participate in this program.

This program is a fully-funded, week-long temporary duty assignment; however, to help keep costs down, priority will be given to volunteers who reside in the show site areas.

Show sites for the remainder of fiscal year 2001 include: March 5-11, Iowa, La.; June 11-17, St. Ann, Mo.; June 18-24, Indianapolis; July 2-8, Madison, Wisc.; July 9-15, Ann Arbor, Mich.; July 30-Aug. 5, Pittsburgh; Aug. 6-12, Mansfield, Ohio; Aug. 13-19, Milwaukee; Aug. 20-26, Minneapolis; and Sept. 24-30, Draper, Utah.

People interested in volunteering for this program must receive their commander's approval, then contact Staff Sgt. Karin Wickwire, 355th Wing Public Affairs, at 8-5092, by Feb. 21.

Participants will represent the Air Force to the general public and should epitomize professional Air Force qualities. Volunteers will also be screened by their commanders before their names are submitted for this program. (Courtesy Air Combat Command Public Affairs)

Air Force Experience volunteers should submit the following information to desert.airman@dm. af.mil:

- ☐ Preferred dates and locations;
- □ Hometown;
- Career field, current and previous if a retrainee;
- Name and rank;
- ☐ Time in service: and
- □ Commander's name.

ALS graduates 36 ready for leadership

Thirty-six senior airmen graduated Airman Leadership School Class 01-B Thursday. Kathleen Fields, 355th Mission Support Squadron; Gerald Flores, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron; Francisco

Shanda De Anda, 355th Wing, was the John Levitow Award winner.

The distinguished graduates were Nathan Clark, 355th Logistics Support Squadron; Susanaty Cordero, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron; and William Duft, 355th Security Forces Squadron.

De Anda received the Academic Award.

The Leadership Award recipient was Clark.

Other graduates were: Jennifer Blim, 355th Medical Operations Squadron; Kenya Boysaw, 314th Training Squadron; Mason Bushey, 355th Medical Support Squadron; Enrico Catubo, 355th SFS; Kristopher Clepper, 358th Fighter Squadron; Roy Contee Jr., 355th Services Squadron; Esteban De Anda, 25th Operational Weather Squadron; Heather Deckley, 355th Component Repair Squadron; Bradley Donelson, 354th Fighter Squadron,

port Squadron; Gerald Flores, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron; Francisco Galindo, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron; Ryan Groves, 355th CES; Jill Hall, 355th Medical Operations Squadron; Jeremiah Hansen, 612th Air Base Squadron; Shawn Hernandez, 612th ABS; Tamara Hocker, 355th Communications Squadron; Curtis Hollar, 42nd ACCS; Gregory Huston, 42nd ACCS; Jason Kinnick, 357th Fighter Squadron; Monica Lee, 612th Combat Operations Squadron; William Long, 355th CES; Jeffrey Lower, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron; John Lundy, 355th MDSS; Shawn Luton, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Brandon McGhee, 355th MDOS; Marvin Oliva, 67th Intelligence Group; Robert Pettway, 355th SFS; Christopher Roach, 42nd ACCS; Michael Ryan, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron; Bobbijo Turnier, 355th Training Squadron; and Gillie Zamora, 612th Air Communications Squadron.

Groups recognize winners

The **355th Support Group** annual award winners were announced Saturday.

The winners are: Senior Airman Monty Christo II, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, Airman; Tech. Sgt. Juan Aleman III, 355th Security Forces Squadron, NCO; Master Sgt. Pamela Matthews, 355th Communications Squadron, SNCO; 2nd Lt. Terry Neidecker, 355th SFS, Company Grade Officer; Gary McDowell, 355th CES, Civilian Employee; Dale Vertz, 355th CES, Civilian Supervisor; and Senior Master Sgt. Russell Kjose, 355th SFS, First Sergeant.

The **355th Operations Group** annual award winners were announced Feb. 2.

The winners are: Senior Airman Ricky Longnecker, 355th Operations Support Squadron, Airman; Tech. Sgt. David Denny, 607th Air Control Squadron, NCO; Senior Master Sgt. Monte Schoffstall, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, SNCO; Capt. Jeffery Addison, 355th Operations Group, Company Grade Officer; Janine Perry, 355th OSS, Civilian Employee; Edward Leuty, 355th OSS, Civilian Supervisor; and Master Sgt. Robert Altenbernd, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, First Sergeant.

Congratulations Team D-M retirees

The following Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members will retire in February:

355th Services Squadron Tech. Sgt. Donna Allen

41st Electronic Combat SquadronMaster Sgt. Moses Fuller

12th Air Force Master Sgt. Melissa Grono

355th Comptroller Squadron Senior Master Sgt. Tracey Grono

42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Ellis Jusino Jr.

355th Communications SquadronStaff Sgt. Deborah King

354th Fighter Squadron Master Sgt. Kenneth Kressin **612th Communications Systems Squadron**

Staff Sgt. Scott Skinner, Tech. Sgt. Mark Tattrie and Master Sgt. Yancey Wells

612th Air Support SquadronMaster Sgt. David Lawrence

355th Component Repair Squadron Chief Master Sgt. Jackie Pilkington

355th Medical Support Squadron Tech. Sgt. Arnold Pressley

355th Medical Operations SquadronSenior Master Sgt. Jared Ross

357th Fighter Squadron Master Sgt. Charles Welch

Congratulations to the retirees and their families for their dedication and achievements in the service of the U.S. Air Force, the nation and Davis-Monthan.

Airmen join 90s club

The following Davis-Monthan Air Force Base airmen achieved a score of 90 percent or higher on their career development course exams in January:

Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Gorrell and E. Lewis, 354th Fighter Squadron; Senior Airman Jeremie Kretzschmar, Tech. Sgt. Russell Putnam and Airman 1st Class Lance Reamy, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron; and Staff Sgt. Kathryn Rehkopf, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron.

Tell us your story

If you, or someone you know, participates in an interesting pasttime, hobby or sport, please let the *Desert Airman* know about it. Call 8-5714/3398 or send an e-mail to 355wg.pa@dm.af.mil with the basic information -- who, what and a point of contact and we'll pursue getting their story in print.

Firefighters

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Nation's first responders," Schryer said.

"I thought it was really informative. It helped me see the dangers of (approaching) a crash (site) and I found it worth my time and the Nation's to send more employees to this training," said Mike Rivas, T'ohono O'Odham Police Department ranger supervisor.

The training was set-up in response to the Nation's request for training. "Training is valuable be-

cause it will enhance relations between the Nation and Air Force," said Bill Gillies, Luke Air Force Base airspace management office.

This is the same training normally given to community fire departments located in the vicinity of military installations.

"It will enable them to safely handle an aircraft incident/accident on the Nation," said Gillies. "We want the Nation to be as prepared as all of our other neighboring communities that might have to respond to aircraft incidents."

The Sells Military Operating Area, which overlies the T'ohono O'Odham Nation plays a major part in Air Force flight training. This type of emergency training is essential to ensure the best chance for survival of the emergency response team and aircrew in the event of an aircraft crash on or near the Nation.

"The Nation's emergency response personnel (now) have a better understanding of what they need to do during an incident and what to

expect from Air Force members. This will greatly improve overall safety on initial response," said Gillies.

The training will be given annually with some modifications. "Nation personnel would like more training on hazardous materials. We are investigating the best way to schedule this type of training," said Gillies.

The base firemen would like to arrange several exercises that would emphasize safe practices when approaching downed aircraft.

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PMEL

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who calibrated the equipment and certified it was required to recalibrate it again while the inspector watched."

Of D-M's 20 inspected pieces, only one failed the audit due to the equipment the lab was using to calibrate not meeting Air Force traceability standards, according to Devine.

The team commended D-M's PMEL shop for exceptional results in this element of the audit, in spite of being 53 percent manned, having 851 items awaiting maintenance, and a 21-day backlog, they continue to produce quality products for their customers.

The TQP uses collected data to identify problems and negative trends as well as meet corrective actions to eliminate or minimize these problems or trends, Riedlinger said.

"We doubled the standards required in the quality process review, in process review and working standard review," Riedlinger said. "The inspection team reviewed three percent of our QPRs and one percent in each our IPRs and WSRs. This is the most subjective part of the evaluation. They determine if we are properly applying the principles of the improvement process."

The inspection team also com-

mended the PMEL team for their quality-oriented production effort in light of the significant backlog. A solid TQP was the foundation required to maintain the high level of output quality experienced during the audit, according to the inspection team.

The team inspects the physical facility to include lighting, grounding, floors, bench wiring, door air locks and air pressure in the lab. Temperature and humidity are inspected under the environment element. Production control looks at customer service, scheduling, in/out time, supply and PMELs ability to control the front door.

"Our quality is second to none," Devine said. "We attribute 90 percent of our desire to produce quality calibrations to just knowing people's lives depend on what we do, the other 10 percent is because we know we will have an inspection due to meet certification."

In 2000, D-M's PMEL shop calibrated more than 11,500 assets for 180 DoD and civilian agencies including the State Department, U.S. Customs, Federal Aviation Administration, Border Patrol, Air National Guard, Navy and Marine Corps, Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center, plus the University of Arizona.



Karen Halstead

Airman 1st Class Michael Kessler, PMEL journeyman, trains on a radio test set pilots use as an emergency survival radio.

They achieved a 12.4 percent recalibration rate per technician higher than any other Air Combat Command wing. Their product surpassed AF quality by eight percent and achieved a quality assurance rate of 93 percent.

"The team in our lab never lost their focus of turning quality calibrated equipment to our customers, even though we are only manned at 53 percent," Riedlinger said. "At one point, our backlog was up to 900 items. Our customers contributed greatly to our success because they were patient with us as they saw our turn-around time double from just under 10 days to almost 20 days on the average.

"The inspectors commended us for our high morale despite the huge workload and backlog."

Air Force Print News

Astronaut applications available for May board

Active-duty Air Force members have the opportunity to compete for pilot and mission specialist crew positions with the nation's space program through the Air Force astronaut nomination program.

Air Force nominees will compete with representatives from the other services for the chance to become an astronaut candidate and serve with National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Applications must be postmarked for the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, by April 6.

The Air Force astronaut nomination selection board convenes May 22-25 to select nominees. An Air Force medical screening panel will then determine whether or not the nominees meet NASA physical standards.

The Air Force will then submit pilot and mission specialist astronaut nominees to the secretary of defense for consolidation with other military service nominees, which is then forwarded to NASA for processing, evaluation and interview scheduling.

NASA plans to announce the names of those individuals selected to participate in the astronaut program in March 2002 with selectees reporting to NASA in August 2002.

Individuals selected as astronaut candidates will enter a one-year training and evaluation program.



Photo courtesy of National Aeronautics and Space Administration

The Space Shuttle Enterprise rides "piggy-back" atop the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's 747 carrier from its landing site back to Cape Canaveral, Fla.

After this period, those selected as astronauts will serve a five-year tour with NASA.

Air Force members who want to compete for astronaut pilot or mission specialist positions must follow applications procedures outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2205. Enlisted members are restricted to mission specialist only. The final list of Air Force nominees will be released approximately three weeks after the AFPC board adjourns.

All nomination criteria are NASA standards and are not waiverable by the Air Force.

To qualify for nominations to NASA in the pilot astronaut category, individuals must:

 \Box Be a commissioned officer on active duty in the Air Force.

☐ Be a United States citizen.

☐ Have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in engineering, mathematics, biological or physical sciences (technology and management degrees do not qualify, i.e., aviation management, aviation technology, engineering technology, etc.).

☐ Have a minimum of 1,000 hours pilot-in-command (aircraft commander or higher qualification) time in jet aircraft (flight test experience is highly desirable).

☐ Have a current Flying Class II (long physical) completed on or after May 22.

☐ Height between 64 and 76 inches.

To qualify for nomination to NASA in the mission specialist astronaut category, individuals must:

☐ Be a commissioned officer or enlisted member on active duty in the Air Force.

☐ Be a United States citizen.

☐ Have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in engineering, mathematics biological or physical sciences (technology and management degrees do not qualify, i.e., aviation management, aviation technology, engineering technology, etc.). Degree requirements are not waiverable. Degree must be followed by at least three years of degree-related, professional experience. An advanced degree is desirable and may be substituted for all or part of the experience requirement (master's degree equals one year, Ph.D. degree equals three years). Quality of academic preparation is important. Officer and enlisted aircrew duty counts toward the required degree-related experience.

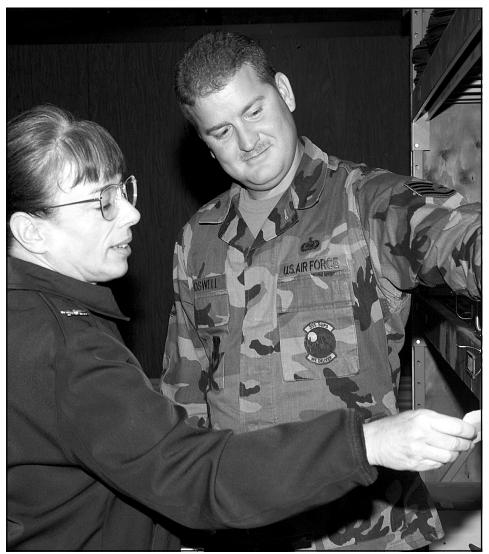
☐ Have a current Flying Class II (long physical) completed on or after

May 22.

 \square Height between 58 1/2 and 76 inches.

Only applicants that meet NASA requirements will be forwarded an application package. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

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Staff Sgt. Kevin Boswell (right) shows Col. Kathleen Spencer the status reports of articles in the supply warehouse. Boswell is an inventory control technician for the 355th Supply Squadron. As commander of the 355th Logistics Group, Spencer oversees the activites of more than 1,500 personnel.

Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Brig. Gen. Jack Rives, Headquarters Air Combat Command Judge Advocate

Robert Winchester, Assistant Legislative Liaison for Intelligence

Col. Steven Doohan, 114th Fighter Wing Vice Commander Col. John Blecher, Headquarters Air Combat Command Chief of Contracting

German Navy Capt. Lothar Kampschulte

355th Wing Flying Goals

Hours Goal Flown **Delta** FY 2001

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Why do you do the right thing?

By Col. Kathleen Spencer 355th Logistics Group Commander

Over the years, I've taken the opportunity to casually ask people a hypothetical question.

Up front, I'd say I'm not expecting an answer, but I'm just trying to provoke some thought on a sticky subject.

The hypothetical question? If you were out in the middle of nowhere at 2 a.m. and you approached a four-way stop and couldn't see anyone else around as you approached the intersection, would you do the right thing and

Over time, I found most people tended to react with a common discomfort once they heard the

obey the sign and stop?

If seated, they would shift positions in their seat as if squirming to escape me from answering and I'd get a similar response if people were standing. Their reactions were priceless, even after I'd let them know upfront no answer was expected.

Sometimes I'd wish I'd had a camera, because in addition to the painful body language most would display, the facial expressions were always precious, as well as

the attempt for those who felt they must answer, as if obligated to do

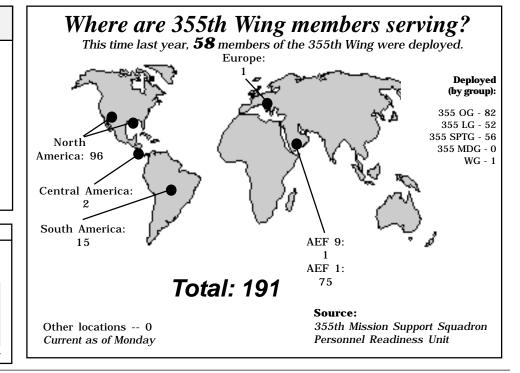
I invariably found myself repeating what I'd said earlier, that no answer was required. Almost always without exception one could see relief, as if a weight was just lifted off their shoulders. To me it appeared they no longer had to fumble for words or worry about how it would sound if their words were actually spoken.

My perception, based on the reactions I've observed, but never based on any spoken words, is that most people, if forced to answer, would shrug and say to themselves, "hey, why stop for this sign - nobody's around - I won't get caught" and hence not bother to stop. But hey — didn't that red, octagonal sign, say "Stop," — so what gives?

By now, you're probably thinking I'm someone who thinks I'm "holier than thou" ... that I believe I'm a saint because I would never, ever think of any other option but to stop at a "Stop" sign, regardless of where or when.

Well. I'm no different than anyone else — no better, no worse — human, with all the associated

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A better Air Force ... a war worth winning

By Master Sgt. Jose Sotelo

355th Transportation Squadron First Sergeant

Today's Air Force faces the unique challenge of winning a war unlike any war fought since the all-volunteer force came into being -- a war on declining retention. According to General (Michael) Ryan's (Air Force Chief of Staff) Commander's Notice to Airmen 01-01, "... we are not retaining enough of our skilled enlisted members to sustain the force ..." The questions that should be uppermost in everyone's mind is how did we start losing this war, and what can be done to change this disturbing trend?

The first step in understanding our current sad state of affairs is to look at the past. The last 30 years have seen tremendous changes in what is arguably the most powerful military machine this world has ever known. The Air Force of the 1980s boasted a total force of more than 837,000 highly trained military and civilian members worldwide.

The Cold War atmosphere was a cause of great concern. Yet, the Air Force could proudly

point to an outstanding record in meeting/ exceeding recruitment and retention goals across the board. This was possible even with less than 1,000 full-time recruiters assigned worldwide!

The '80s was a relatively stable era till the end of the decade saw our country facing a threat from the Middle East that many predicted would turn into another "Vietnam."

Superior weapons and a committed, well-trained force won this "war" with ease. The Air Force was strong; the nation grateful, and there was little concern over future recruitment or retention problems.

The end of the Cold War and changing national fiscal priorities in the '90s resulted in tremendous changes for all military branches. Air Force manpower dwindled to less than 484,000 members.

Since the rapidly-changing force had to meet the challenges of a not-so-rapidly-changing mission, a "do more with less" philosophy became the norm.

Programs were implemented to rapidly decrease the force by offering experienced

members large amounts of money to get out, and early-retirement options were also made available. The quality movement was embraced as a new way of managing people and programs, and great steps were taken to modernize the shrunken force in order to meet mission needs. A "paperless Air Force" is still the ultimate goal.

Since hindsight is 20-20, it's clear now that some mistakes were made. Too many experienced NCOs departed too soon. The quality movement was a noble effort, but did not make a difference. And the "do more with less" philosophy failed.

Although today's Air Force members are the most educated, best paid and most respected around the world, they are leaving the service faster than ever.

According to a yearlong survey conducted at D-M, the three main reasons 355th Wing personnel are leaving today's Air Force are low manning, poor supervision and lack of recognition.

However, the survey does not provide solu

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The right thing

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I ask the question not to put people on the spot, but to highlight to them the difficulties people face and, more importantly, to highlight the multitude of challenges you, vital military members, face on a day to day basis. I ask the question because I too breathe a sigh of relief that it's just a question. I'm not sure I'd want to know what I'd

really say.

So why do some people feel obligated to "obey the rules," i.e., do the right thing?

Sometimes I perceive it's because people feel if they're caught doing something wrong they will get in trouble.

For example, why does an aircraft mechanic need technical data when working — typical answer — because I'll get in

trouble if caught without it. Another — why wear latex gloves when drawing blood from someone? Because if my boss sees me without gloves, he'll get me into trouble.

Or, I'll get talked to if I fail to ask for proper identification when someone asks to see their personnel records.

Lastly — do I really need to follow this pre-flight checklist before taking off? I've done it a million times before. To do something correct to simply avoid a negative reaction like getting into trouble just doesn't sit right with me as a basic premise.

In my idealistic world however, I want to believe most people do the right thing for the all the right reasons. They follow tech data because they want the plane and pilot to return home safely and not

be responsible for a catastrophic loss — not because they'll get in trouble if caught without it. They wear latex gloves to protect themselves from the dangers they would subject themselves to — not because they'll get into trouble without them. Proper ID is demanded to ensure all of us are protected from those who would try to deceive and gain information improperly — not because someone will fear being reported adversely. And finally, they follow pre-flight checklists because they know it's easy to forget an important step vital to their safety, vs. just being worried somebody would catch them without the checklist.

Daily, I put my faith in those who do the right thing because it is the right thing — and that means you!

You follow tech data because you

want your pilot and plane to return home safely, and you use your checklist, regardless of how good you feel your memory is. On your own time, you don't drink and drive because you fear being caught, but because you fear the harm you could cause to yourselves and others. You don't do drugs for the same reasons. You are fearless to the daily peer pressure to do anything other than the right thing. That's a day to day integrity and honesty to admire. Never easy, always hard, yet that's you — someone with the integrity and honesty to do the right things, not for fear of being caught, but simply because it's for the right reasons. I meet people like you every day at Davis-Monthan who do the right thing and I'm proud to serve in the same Air Force with people like you!

Health Focus

Infertility — Is the cause covered by TRICARE?

Testing and medically necessary treatments used to correct the physical causes of infertility may be reimbursed under TRICARE because infertility is usually the result of a physical condition that may be corrected.

TRICARE-covered services include diagnostic testing, surgical intervention, hormone therapy and other procedures performed to correct or monitor progress in overcoming the cause of infertility.

Please note that treatments related to non-coital reproductive procedures -- including artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian transfer, and all other non-coital reproductive procedures/technologies -- are specifically excluded from TRICARE coverage.

The list of specifically excluded services is printed on pages 28-29 of the Prime Member Handbook and pages 72-77 of the TRICARE Standard Handbook.

Regardless, pregnancies resulting from non-coital reproductive procedures are covered if you are a TRICARE beneficiary.

Many fertility drug prescriptions require prior authorization.

This helps ensure that those prescriptions obtained from retail network pharmacies are used for TRICARE-covered purposes.

To obtain prior authorization, retail pharmacies will contact Express Scripts, TriWest's subcontractor for pharmacy services.

Express Scripts will coordinate with the prescribing physician for confirmation that the medication is not being used for non-coital reproductive or assisted reproductive technologies.

When a service is not a TRICARE benefit, Standard beneficiaries are responsible for the non-covered, denied amount.

If you are a TRICARE Prime beneficiary or a TRICARE Standard beneficiary using the Extra option, you are not responsible for noncovered services furnished by a network provider unless you agree, in advance and in writing, to pay for the specific non-covered service or drug.

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tions and cannot answer some key questions such as:

Is there relief in sight on the low manning issue, or is this a battle the Pentagon has lost forever?

Is low manning a major reason young NCOs do not mentor/supervisor troops better?

Are they too busy doing tasks which two or three junior members used to do before cutbacks?

Is upper management perceived to be the problem vs. first line supervision?

What type of recognition is lacking? Personal one-on-one interaction, monetary rewards, more plaques, new recognition programs?

The survey does not specify, yet knowing the answer to these questions is crucial to increasing retention at this installation.

There are new initiatives and programs in the recruitment arena.

A tremendous increase in the number of Air Force recruiters is on the horizon and thousands of dollars in enlistment bonuses are being offered which were unheard of just a few years ago.

However, the jury is still out on whether-or-

not offering the yet unproven new enlistees thousands of dollars just to sign on the dotted line is desirable or will be effective in the long run. Only time will tell.

The greatest military minds in the Pentagon are committed to finding the answer to turning this war around.

The Air Force has brought back something that worked in the past.

The newly created position of Career Assistance Advisor, which replaces the old Base Career Advisor position, is a giant step in the right direction.

They cannot succeed without the inputs from the military members who are making these career decisions every day.

It is incumbent upon every member to have their voices heard in the hallowed halls in Washington.

There are many avenues available to those brave souls who will venture out from their own little world (duty sections) and voice their concerns. Being active in the unit's advisory council, Wing Top 4, using the chain of command, writing an article for the base paper, joining a professional organization such as the Air Force Sergeant's Association, writing one's congressman/woman, are all examples of ways

members can voice their concerns.

The importance of increasing retention rates of quality troops cannot be over emphasized. Current retention rates Air Force-wide for first- and second-termers average only 65 percent. Davis-Monthan's retention rate is even less. This serious problem should be of great concern for all because the Air Force depends on an experienced NCO corps to train, mentor and lead the vast majority of new troops. A content and experienced enlisted force is vital to mission accomplishment and has always been the Air Force's best recruitment tool. Scores of new troops cannot begin to replace the loss of one experienced, committed professional. Retention is the key!

This is not a time for excuses. It is a time for action. Blaming the economy, a different culture, politics, etc. is a waste of time, and simply not true. A well-trained, fully manned, active-duty force is what keeps good people in and influences new folks to join.

In the final analysis, retention of quality, experienced personnel equates to fewer inexperienced folks who must be brought in quickly, fewer training problems faced, higher troop morale, and a better Air Force.

This is a war worth winning.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base team. Members are nominated by their commander or first sergeant, and the article is compiled by the Desert Airman staff.)

Name: Tech. Sgt. Michael Hight

Organization: Detachment 11, 372nd Training Squadron

Duty title: 2M Miniature/Microminiature Circuit Card Repair Instructor

Hometown: Casa Grande, Ariz.

Years of service: 10

Why did you join the Air Force: To serve my country

Main responsibilities: To train and certify Department of Defense technicians in the repair and inspection of circuit card assemblies

Best aspects of your job: Watching students learn the skills and techniques required to become 2M certified technicians; working with professional and dedicated instructors

Career goals: To make the next stripe

 $\textbf{Hobbies/outside activities:} \ Spending \ time \ with \ my \ family, camping, hunting$

and fishing

What do you like best about D-M: The people, weather and all of the interesting attractions of Southern Arizona

What has been your best assignment; why: All three of my assignments (Barksdale Air Force Base, La., Edwards AFB,. Calif., and D-M) have been great; all of the things I've learned and the people I've met and worked with has made each assignment special

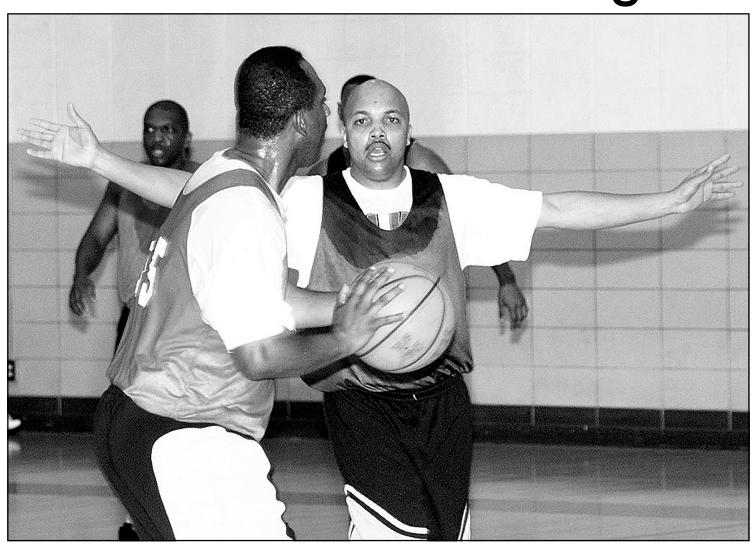
Who inspires you/who do you admire; why: I admire all those who wake up each morning and put on the Air Force uniform because they choose to do so.



Senior Airman Amy McBet

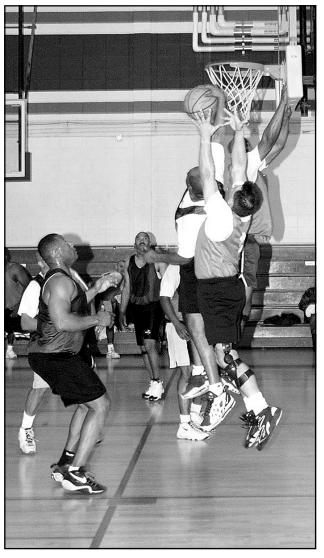
Tech. Sgt. Michael Hight (standing) instructs Staff Sgt. William Brewer, from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., on how to correctly position the equipment he is working on.

Basketball in full swing at Haeffner

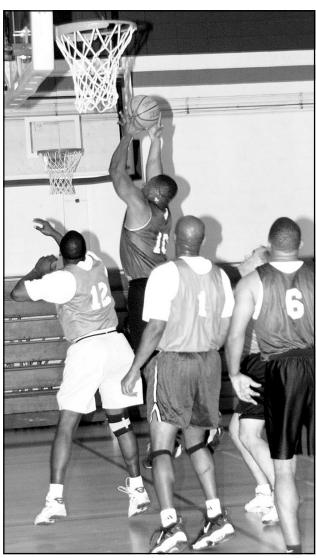


The Intramural and Over-30 basketball seasons are in full swing at the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center. Games are played Monday through Friday beginning at 10 a.m. The competition is fast and furious, with several teams maintaining undefeated records. Currently atop the Over-30 league is the 355th Services Team with a perfect record. The 355th Civil Engineer Squadron owns the top spot in the Intramural Tuesday/Thursday division with an undefeated record, and the 357th Fighter Squadron team has the top spot in the Monday/Wednesday division with a perfect record. (Left) Daric Young, for SUPS, puts up a defense, while Robert Cooper, for MSS, looks for an open teammate. (Bottom left) Players battle for the rebound during action at the Fitness Center. (Bottom center) Bruce Gooch (left), for MSS, stretches for a rebound while Leon Stallworth, for SUPS, tries to beat him to the ball. (Bottom right) Elvis Taylor (#10), for SUPS, goes up for the shot while the MSS players wait for a possible rebound.

> Photos by Airman 1st Class Maryann Walker







Sports Shorts

Wing 5K Run/Walk

There was a 355th Wing 5K Run/Walk Feb. 1. Following are the top finishers for men and women (time in parentheses):

Men's first place - Jason Self, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron (17:26)

Women's first place - Sara Chilson, 355th Medical Group (25:02)

Men's second place - Michael Charles, 355th MDG (19:05)

Women's second place - Ingrid Schweiker, 355th Transportation Squadron (25:23)

Congratulations to all who took part in the run/walk!

Belly dancing class

A new belly dancing instructor is offering classes at the Fitness Center. The class begins at 6:40 p.m. Wednesday. The beginner class runs from 6:40-7:40 p.m. and an intermediate class runs from 7:40-8:40 p.m. Cost for the beginner class is \$20 per month (four sessions); cost for the intermediate class is \$30 for two months (eight sessions). Interested individuals can sign up at the Fitness Center, or call 8-3714 for more information.

8-ball Tournament

Two-person 8-ball teams can sign up now for the Air Combat Command Swim with the Sharks Tournament. Local playoffs get underway Wednesday at the Desert Oasis Club. Matches are at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays through March 22. Playoffs determine which team will represent D-M at the ACC championships, April 25-27, at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. The winners travel to the championships in expenses-paid TDY status. Base winners receive a \$100 club credit. Members of ACC's top three teams win airline travel vouchers - \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second and \$250 for third. Volunteer judges are also needed. Players and judges

must be members of the Desert Oasis Club. Sign up at the club, or call Wendy Decatur or Jerry Kennedy, 748-8666, for further details.

Pool playoffs

Base-wide playoffs in Air Combat Command's Swim with the Sharks Tournament are at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Desert Oasis Club. D-M's top team travels to Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., April 25-27, to represent the base at the ACC finals. The tournament is open to two-person teams; all players must belong to the Desert Oasis Club. Base winners receive a \$100 club credit and carry-on luggage. Members of ACC's top three teams win airline travel vouchers -\$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second and \$250 for third. Swim with the Sharks sponsors are Allied Domecq Spirits U.S.A., distributors of Beefeaters gin and Sauza tequila, and First USA Bank (no federal endorsement intended). Club-member judges are also needed. Players and judges meet at the club at 5 p.m. Tuesday to discuss tournament rules. Call Wendy Decatur or Jerry Kennedy at 748-8666 for information.

New bowling league

A Wednesday league at the D-M Lanes offers bowlers a new ball, bag and pair of shoes at the end of 20 weeks. The Ball, Bag and Shoes League meets at 6 p.m. Bowlers pay \$10 weekly. No additional payment is required for the new bowling ball, bag and pair of shoes. Register now at the D-M Lanes, or call 8-3461.

Volunteer call

The 2nd Annual 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo Mountain Bike Team Relay is Feb. 16-18, and volunteers are needed to help in all aspects of the event. All volunteers will receive a commemorative T-shirt and a free meal to a local restaurant. Call Jamie Mageau at 8-1090 or the event coordinators at 579-8773 for more information or to volunteer.

Varsity women's volleyball

Women interested in trying out for the base's varsity volleyball team are encouraged to attend tryouts from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at the Fitness Center. Call Chris Rodriguez at 8-3224 for more information.

Skeet and trap open weekends

D-M's modern skeet and trap ranges open at 8 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Military shooters pay \$3 a round; civilians pay \$3.50. Perround savings are available for purchasers of annual range fees. Ranges are at the east end of Yuma Road, adjacent to the small arms range. Call Outdoor Recreation at 8-3736.

Aerobics, exercise classes

The Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offers a lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week (instructor name in parentheses). Call 8-3714 for more information.

Monday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10-1 p.m. - Spinning (Corinne); 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko); 6:45-8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Tuesday - 8-9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit training (Corinne); 6:15-8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)

Wednesday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10-1:10 p.m. - Kick boxing (Corinne); 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Belly dancing I (Basheera); 7:30-8:30 p.m. - Belly dancing II (Basheera)

Thursday - 10-11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10-1:10 p.m. - Training (Corinne); 5-6 p.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 6:10-8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)

Friday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10-1 p.m. - Spinning (Corinne); 4:30-6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Saturday - 10-11 a.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko)

Scoreboard

Bowling Intramural -

American

(Week 22)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
MDG #2	115-53
41 ECS #2	106-62
42 ACCS #2	100-68
MDG #1	96-72
CONS	92-76
41 ECS #1	87-81
OSS	80-88
42 ACCS #1	80-88
43 ECS	24-144
High Scratch Game (Team):
41 ECS #1, 874	
High Scratch Series (Team):
41 ECS #1, 2538	
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High Scratch Series (
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High Scratch Game	
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High Scratch Series	
(Women): D. Patterso	on, 439

Intramural -**National**

	(Week 22)
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<u>Team</u>		W-L
SVS		103-65
12 AF #1		93-75
AMARC		93-75
AMMO		90-78
MSS		87-81
SUPS		86-82
CRS		86-82

12 AF #3	82-86
COMM	80-88
25 OWS	74-94
TRANS	72-96
358th	62-10
High Scratch Gan	ne (Team):
AMARC, 1107	, ,
High Scratch Seri	es (Team):
AMARC, 2945	, ,
High Scratch Gan	ne (Men):
Billy Davidson, 28	88 [`]
High Scratch Seri	es (Men):
Billy Davidson, 72	24 ` ´
High Scratch Gan	ne
(Women): P. Trez	evant, 184
High Scratch Seri	es
(Women): P. Trez	
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Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 20)

<u>Team</u>	W-L
Hit & Miss	96-64
The Monarchs	94-66
OUI 3	94-66
Ally Kats	80-80
Hot Cats	77-83
Dream Catchers	72-88
Wee Bee Bad	71-89
Soon's Runway	56-104
High Scratch Game	e (Team):
Hit & Miss, 515	
High Scratch Serie	s (Team):
Hit & Miss, 1391	
High Scratch Game	e: Arlene
Cook, 203	
High Scratch Serie	s: Margot
0-111 405	•

Phantom Mixed

(Week 16)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
Strike Force	84-4
So So's	84-4
The Cajuns	83-4
Lucky Seven	75-5
Strikebusters	74-5
The Dizzy Four	72-5
Alley Oops	67-6
Sweet Revenge	54-7
Avengers	54-7
Six Pack	51-7
Rat Pack	40-8
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OWC

(Week 17)

(VVCCK 11)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
Lady Flyers	100-3
Splitsters	74-62
KIDDS	74-62
Coyotes	74-62
The Eastsiders	72-64
Alley Cats	70-66
Snuffers	66-70
High Scratch Game:	Fran
Schmidt, 208	
High Scratch Series:	Donata
Oliver, 519	

D-M Pinrollers

(Week 20)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
The Dream Catchers	114-82
Jh Huh Girls	106-50
Team 5	87-73
Annie's Girls	85-75
Dreamers	83-77
A-D-Y	80-80
Team 6	79-81
Kachina Dolls	62-90
High Scratch Game (7	Гeam):
Jh Huh Girls, 662	
High Scratch Series (Team):
Jh Huh Girls, 1930	
High Scratch Game: I	Mary

Stennis, 208 High Scratch Series: Georgia Barnes, 527

CE Mixed

(Week 16)

Team

Fire Dawgs	71-33
Just-4-Fun	65-31
Good, Bad & Ugly	64-40
The Cans	58-46
Brew Crew	50-54
BJ's Bunns	48-56
MILFs	42-30
Old Timers	38-58
HVAC	36-28
Now N Then	32-64
High Scratch Game (Men):
Matt Lundh, 257	
High Scratch Series (Men):
Matt Lundh, 662	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): Gail Johns	on, 179
High Scratch Series	
(Women): Gail Johns	on, 486

Thursday Night

(Week 19)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
The Prickly Pears	106-46
Pick One	102-50
Mission Impossible	88-64
Four Seas	84-68
PBJs	84-68
Desert Strikers	82-70
Lickity Splits	81-71
Road Runners	78-74
BMs	73-79
Cool Cs	68-84
Nice N Spicy	62-90
Ice Breakers	62-90
Pintendos	50-102
Bucks N Does	44-108
High Scratch Game (7	Team):
Pick One, 817	

High Scratch Series (Team): Pick One, 2254 High Scratch Game (Men): Jim Kraybill, 267 High Scratch Series (Men): Billy Davidson, 674 High Scratch Game (Women): Tina Carder, 201 High Scratch Series (Women): Lori Hubbs, 517

Friday Nite Fun

(Week 18)

<u>Team</u>

Wannabees	92-44
3 Roses & Thorn	86-50
AAFES	78-58
Double Trouble	77-59
The Misfits	76-60
Just Us	72-64
More BS	65-7
Just Havin Fun	64-64
O Spare Us	62-74
Gutter Dusters	61-75
Kum Cantasi	57-79
High Scratch Game	(Team):
More BS, 761	
High Scratch Series	(Team):
More BS, 2262	
High Scratch Game	(Men):
Rick Matthews, 224	
High Scratch Series	(Men):
Eric Bermudes, 627	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): Kat Morga	n, 238
High Scratch Series	
(Women): Kat Morga	n, 601

Bantams

(Week 15)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
The Dragons	81-39
Tigers	80-40
N Sync	79-41
High Handicap Game	(Team)

N Sync, 737 High Scratch Series (Team): Dragons, 719 High Handicap Series (Boys): Jonathon Willis, 561 High Scratch Series (Boys): John Simon, 151 High Scratch Game (Girls): Jenna Simon, 34 High Scratch Series (Girls): Alicia Jones, 226

Preps/Juniors/ Majors

(Week 15)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
The Xtremes	82-38
Alley Cats	76-4
Jaguars	75-4
Undertakers	67-53
Fox Hound	66-54
Unlimited	65-5
Desert Pros	64-56
Strikers	52-68
Desert Strikers	52-68
N Sync Fireballs	48-72
The Bulldogs	42-78
Spawn	27-93
High Scratch Game	(Team):
Unlimited, 2397	
High Scratch Series	(Team):
Spawn, 1575	

Basketball

Intramural Mon/Wed

(as of Wednesday)

<u>Team</u>	W-L
357 FS	5-0
12th AF	5-1
SFS	4-1

CS	3-2
354 FS	3-2
43 ECS	3-2
42 ACCS	2-3
41 ECS	2-4
MDG	2-4
CPTS	1-
OSS	0-6

Intramural Tues/Thurs

(as of Wednesday)

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<u>Team</u>	<u>W-</u>
CES	6-0
SVS	6-1
SUPS	5-1
TRANS	5-1
MSS	4-3
25 OWS	3-3
DECA	2-4
EMS	1-5
CRS	1-5
162 ANG	1-6
358 FS	1-6

Over-30

(as of Wednesda	y)
<u>Team</u>	W-
SVS	6-0
LSS	6-1
SFS	5-1
12 AF	5-2
CES	5-2
25 OWS	4-2
MSS	4-2
MDG	3-3
42 ACCS	3-4
CS	2-4
SUPS	2-4
43 ECS	2-4
41 ECS	2-5
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Chapel events

Comedy Night at chapel

Twelfth Air Force and D-M's Mothers of Preschoolers group present Comedy Night featuring Carlos Oscar. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at Hope Chapel Annex. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for one and \$8 for two. Call 8-5411.

Gospel Jubilee

A gospel extravaganza will take place at 3 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Base Theater. Call 8-4891 for more information.



On-base clubs

Officers' Club

Today: Patio Steak Night is from 5 to 8 p.m. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is scheduled.

Saturday: Barbershop is open from 8 to 11 a.m. by appointment. Dinner specials are from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Sunday: Brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday: Club closes at 2 p.m. Barber is open until 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Dinner Theater is tonight. RSVP by calling 748-0660.

Wednesday: Soup and salad bar is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday: Mexican buffet is \$9.95 for adults.

Desert Oasis Club

Today: Buffet line is closed for lunch. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing scheduled.

Saturday: Barber is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday: Club is closed. Cabana opens from 1 to 8 p.m.

Monday: Sports Bar opens at 4 p.m.

Tuesday: BBQ lunch buffet is from 11 a.m.
to 1 p.m. Two-for-One Steak Night is from 4:30

Wednesday: ACC pool tournament playoffs

New Channel, new programs

The Desert Lightning Commander's Access Channel, (Cox Cable channel 75), is broadcasting rotational programming every three hours. The times listed below are approximate and are only the first cycle.

February programs

Base Announcements Air Force TV News **Base Announcements Army News Watch Base Announcements** Andersen AFB **AF** Commercial Life of an Airman AF Commercial History of the Air Force **AF** Commercial Camouflage, Deception AF Commercial Desert Shield/Storm **AF** Commercial **Base Announcements**

Times

7 to 7:10 a.m. 7:10 to 7:40 a.m. 7:40 to 7:50 a.m. 7:50 to 8:20 a.m. 8:20 to 8:30 a.m. 8:30 to 8:40 a.m. 30 seconds 8:40 to 8:45 a.m. 30 seconds 8:45 to 8:55 a.m. 30 seconds 8:55 to 9:15 a.m. 30 seconds 9:15 to 9:25 a.m. 30 seconds 9:25 to 9:55 a.m.

start at 6 p.m.

Thursday: Chinese buffet dinner is from 5 to 8 p.m. Playoffs continue at 6 p.m.

Dinner theater

Don't miss the Officers' Club's Dinner Theater. The evening begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday followed by a live presentation of the Broadway hit "Love Letters." Member couples pay \$40 for dinner and play; eligible non-members add \$6 per couple. For an additional charge flowers or candy can be delivered to your table. Call 748-0660 for reservations.



Youth programs

Today: Preteen Valentine dance is from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Saturday: Youth basketball is at the Youth Center. Little League sign-up is from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Tuesday: Preteen pie eating contest is from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Wednesday: Primaries learn Valentine

crafts at the Youth Center. Photography class is from 6 to 7 p.m. Call 8-8844.

Thursday: Teen foosball tournament is at the Youth Center.

Teen snow trip

The Youth Center is sponsoring a teen snow trip to Flagstaff, Ariz. Feb. 22, 23 and 24. For \$25 teens will enjoy skiing, snow tubing and just having fun. The only additional cost to teens will be money for food, equipment rental and anything else they may want to buy. Lodging at Fort Tuthill, transportation and supervision will be provided by a Youth Center employee and an adult volunteer. The group will depart at 8 a.m. Feb. 22 from the Youth Center and return at 5 p.m. Feb. 24. Space is limited. Call Armando Bracamonte at 8-8365 to sign up.



Community events

Today: Bench press meet at the fitness center is at 1 p.m. Call 8-3714. Cosmic Bowl at D-M Lanes is from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday: Calligraphy class begins. Call 8-4385. Outdoor Recreation Fort Bowie trip is scheduled. Call 8-4385.

Monday: Shop Nogales with Information Tickets and Tours Saturday. Call 8-3700.

Tuesday: Youth dance classes are at the Community Center. Call 8-3717.

Thursday: Dragsters will be on display Feb. 22 in the Base Exchange parking lot.

Black History display

Who was Charles Drew? What did Mary Jane Bethune do with \$1.50? Who is General Julius Parker, and what's he doing at the University of Arizona? These are a few of the questions that are answered at the D-M Library's display celebrating Black History Month. Visit the library or call 8-4381.

Valentine gifts for delivery

Stop by the Balloon Shop to place your Valentine's Day order for balloon bouquets, candy, mugs or stuffed animals. Orders placed by Tuesday can be delivered Wednesday. Onbase deliveries cost \$3. The Balloon Shop, at the Skills Center, is open Tuesday through Saturday. Call 8-4385.



Family support

Saturday: Give Parents A Break is from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Child Development Center and Youth Center.

Monday: Resume Workshop is from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Community Center.

Tuesday: Right Start is from 8 to noon at the Community Center. Time for Tots is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Wednesday: Transition Assistance Seminar is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 through 16 at the Community Center.

Thursday: Fun Time is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Chucky Cheese party

Hearts Apart Group members can join the group for free pizza, soda and tokens from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24 at Chucky Cheese, 6130 E. Speedway Blvd. Reservations are required. Call 8-5690 for more information.

Give Parents a Break

The Give Parents a Break program is from 2 to 6 p.m. Feb. 24. The program offers free childcare to active-duty Air Force parents who are stressed due to military member being deployed, recently moving to base or unique circumstances. Call 8-5690.

Baby basics

The baby basics program for expectant mothers in their third trimester is from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Community Center. Information on basic infant care, growth and development will be covered. Call 8-5690.

Interview workshop

Attend the interview workshop from 8 to 11 a.m. Feb. 26 to help prepare for a job interview. The workshop is at the Community Center. Call 8-5690 for more information.

Receive a layette

Air Force personnel, who are E-4 and below and just had their first child, can receive a layette compliments of Family Services. The only requirement is to bring in the birth certificate to Family Services, Building 3210. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 8-3369/5690 for more information.



Education services

SAT and ACT testing dates

SAT testing will be held today, March 2, April 6, and May 4. ACT testing is scheduled for Feb. 23, March 23, April 20, and May 18. Please call 8-4813 or 8-4815 to schedule a date.

Degree, commission same time

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is offering an opportunity to simultaneously finish your degree and earn a commission. Individuals wishing to pursue a graduate degree or those who can combine undergraduate and graduate studies and graduate in fiscal year 2002 are eligible. For more information, please call Phil King at 8-4249 or Wes Flannigan at 8-5191.

Web Developer Certification

University of Phoenix is offering a Web Developer Certificate Program at D-M. This program is designed to provide students with competencies to understand, analyze, and develop business computer applications that will operate in the World Wide Web environment. Students will be able to design, develop, test and implement software applications using tools widely accepted in today's technical environment. For more information, please call Lee Almond at 881-6512 ext. 144.



Other agencies

Bag Sale at Thrift Shop

Thrift Shop will have a "Bag Sale" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Consignments are taken until 1 p.m. Call 8-2120 for further information. The shop is located in Building 3220 on Ironwood, across the street from the bowling alley.

Professional of the Year banquet

The 355th Wing's Annual Professional of the Year Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. March 1 at the Double Tree Hotel on Alvernon. This event highlights D-M's finest maintainers assigned to the 355th Operations and Logistics Groups. Cost is \$25. Call Senior Master Sgts. Paul Karnatz at 8-3830 or Vic Magnon at 8-3512 for more information.

Make money for squadron

Squadrons looking for fund raising opportunities can run concessions and receive 10 percent of the net sales during the Sidewinder season and spring training. Many organizations make several hundred dollars in any given night. Call 294-1655 for more information.



Movie theater

Today: Dude, Where's My Car, (PG-13), p.m.

Saturday: Family Man, (PG-13), 7 p.m. **Sunday**: Family Man, (PG-13), 7 p.m. **Feb. 16**: Miss Congeniality, (PG-13), 7 p.m. **Feb. 17**: Emperor's New Groove, (G), 7 p.m.

Feb. 18: Closed.